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Deputy Deploys Taser on Unruly Defendant in Courtroom

Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy deployed his Taser on a combative defendant in an out of custody courtroom in the courthouse yesterday at about 1:45 p.m. The defendant, Robert C. Soley, age 20, was in court for a probation review and had been ordered into custody for noncompliance.

After Judge Brostrom ordered Soley into custody, the defendant stood up and said, "I'm not going. I want my medication." He pushed against the deputies, who attempted to stabilize him at the defense table. Soley grabbed at the deputy's holstered Taser and continued to thrash his body. A deputy tasered him twice in order to gain control to secure him in handcuffs and leg-irons.

The case history shows Soley was charged with Battery-DV in August, found guilty in September of an amended charge of Disorderly Conduct – DV through a plea agreement, and received a stayed 25-day sentence in October, with 15 months probation.

He now faces pending charges of Attempt to Disarm Peace Officer, a Class H felony which carries a penalty of up to six years in prison.

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